

Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy; Mrs. McCARTHY of New York and Mr. KING of New York.

At 2:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 158. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment of the Senate.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 988. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office":

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 7:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2206) making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 67. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 612. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1100. An act to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1252. An act to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1427. An act to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1470. An act to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs

Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1660. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2199. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in the treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2239. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2429. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Finance.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

S.J. Res. 14. Joint resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2046. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter stating that an exchange of notes stamped "for your information" enclosed in Treaty Doc. 109-20, the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of the Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, corrects that Protocol, and requesting that the Senate give its advice and consent to the Protocol as corrected by that exchange of notes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2047. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services related to the Rolling Airframe Missile MK 31 Guided Missile Weapon System in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2048. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Mint Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AC03) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2049. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Control of Gasoline Volatility" (FRL No. 8318-3) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2050. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8318-1) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2051. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Florida; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for Power Plants Subject to the Florida Power Plant Siting Act" (FRL No. 8317-8) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2052. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas" (FRL No. 8318-6) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2053. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8318-8) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2054. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8315-9) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2055. A communication from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB64) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2056. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a recommendation to continue the waiver of application of Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 402 of the Act to Belarus for one year; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2057. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Certification for the Permanent Employment of Aliens in the United States; Reducing the Incentives and Opportunities for Fraud and Abuse and Enhancing Program Integrity" (RIN1205-AB42) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2058. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2059. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2060. A communication from the Director, National Legislation Commission, American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of the Legion as of December 31, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-97. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, requesting fair treatment for Haitian asylum seekers who recently arrived ashore in Hallandale Beach, Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-98. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona urging Congress to take immediate action to allow the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to recover the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2008

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge was created primarily in response to concerns for historic declines in desert bighorn populations throughout the west, and the refuge is critical to the health of desert bighorn sheep; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population has declined from 812 sheep in 2000 to 390 sheep in 2006, as documented through extrapolation of data from surveys conducted by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge is the primary source of desert bighorn sheep, mexicana subspecies, throughout the southwestern portion of the United States; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge has served as the primary resource for repatriation of desert bighorn sheep to mountain ranges in Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado and has repatriated at least 513 desert bighorn sheep in 25 of the past 49 years since transplanting began; and

Whereas, the decline in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge sheep herd coincides with periods of drought and a known increase in the resident population of mountain lions on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, the current population of Kofa desert bighorn sheep is inadequate to support continuing repatriation; and

Whereas, failure to take immediate action will likely result in further decline and threaten the viability of the Kofa herd; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has a trust responsibility under title 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, to manage all wildlife in Arizona; and

Whereas, although the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is mandated to manage the natural resources of the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 which provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall ensure effective coordination, interaction and cooperation with the fish and wildlife agency of the states in which the units of the system are located; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department are recognized for

their body of expertise relative to managing both desert bighorn sheep and mountain lions, and immediate management action is needed to secure the health and viability of the Kofa desert bighorn sheep population.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress take immediate action to reaffirm the Arizona Game and Fish Department's position as the leading agency in the management of non-migratory and nonendangered state wildlife.

2. That the Arizona Game and Fish Commission employ, without any unnecessary delays, burdens or obstacles, all management tools and measures necessary to recover the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population, including the management of predators, water developments, human intervention and the potential for disease epizootics.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

POM-99. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Arizona urging Congress to repeal federal tax withholding on certain payments made by government agencies; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001

Whereas, section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 imposes on certain governmental agencies the duty to withhold and remit income taxes on certain payments for providers of services or property; and

Whereas, many providers of covered transactions may be in marginal businesses with little or no federal income tax liability, thereby forcing an interest-free loan to the federal government by the businesses that can least afford them; and

Whereas, section 511 places an undue burden on governmental agencies, creating yet another unfunded mandate to state and local governments; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service is barely able to cope with the current level of tracking of withholding payments, much less handle the exponential increase in such payments that section 511 creates; and

Whereas, this withholding scheme will inevitably lead to endless disputes between governmental agencies and their service providers over billing and account balances.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States repeal section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, codified as section 3402(t) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-100. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

Whereas, the death of a child is a devastating experience, and the murder of a child is exceptionally difficult; and

Whereas, Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., (POMC) helps families of murder vic-

tims cope with grief through a variety of support services, including counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals, and assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, POMC was formed in 1978 by Robert and Charlotte Hullinger after the tragic murder of their daughter, Lisa, on September 25 of that year; and

Whereas, POMC has grown from only five parents at the first meeting of the organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1978 to over 100,000 members in more than 300 chapters worldwide; and

Whereas, POMC membership is open to anyone who has suffered the murder of a loved one and to professionals who are in frequent contact with survivors of murder victims; and

Whereas, POMC provides comfort and vital, ongoing assistance to countless loved ones of murder victims; and

Whereas, POMC helps guide families of murder victims through the process of pursuing justice in the criminal justice system, which can be an overwhelming experience for grieving loved ones; and

Whereas, POMC has designated September 25 of each year as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; and

Whereas, the designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor the memories of murder victims: therefore, be it

*Resolved* that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims and to recognize the significant benefits that Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., provides to the loved ones of murder victims, be it further

*Resolved* that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 924. A bill to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program (Rept. No. 110-72).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 368. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-73).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocations to Subcommittee of Budget Totals" (Rept. No. 110-74).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 740. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 76. A concurrent resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments.